

Volunteer Fire Department. Even during the worst of times, such as the Great Storm of 1933, the company delivered kerosene by skiff to hard hit St. George Island.

After S. Bernard Burch's death in May of 1944, a new era began with his son, F. Elliott Burch, Sr., who took over the reigns of the operation and guided the company through a period of steady growth for several decades until turning over the day-to-day duties to his two sons so he could devote more time to local politics. Serving as St. Mary's County Commissioner President from 1962 to 1970, F. Elliott, Sr. helped to steer St. Mary's County through a period of important community investments, during a time when local government was expanding to provide more services.

Outstanding service and high quality products have been the hallmarks of the Burch Oil Company since its founding by S. Bernard Burch in 1928; and on its 75th Anniversary, four generations of the Burch family, with a fifth soon to come of age, help to guide the hardworking and dedicated employees that have helped to make this company successful. In addition to their business success, they have been an integral component in helping to build St. Mary's County through their selfless commitment and belief in also performing public service to give back to the community in which they live. Today Burch Oil Company is led by F. Elliott (Sonny) Burch, Jr. and his brother Donald (Buddy) Burch, who have set their own high standard for community involvement, supported by 300 plus employees who carry on that proud tradition.

On behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert Counties, it is a great privilege to honor the Burch Oil Company for reaching the milestone of 75 years in serving the community of Southern Maryland. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting a great example of American enterprise at its best. This company has been successful by its community, but continues to plough back its dividends every day through its public service. Congratulations to members of the Burch family and their employees and we wish you another 75 years of quality and reliable service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 1, 2003, I regret that I missed the vote for rollcall 158, the vote on final passage for H.R. 1258, the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003. I would like the record to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this legislation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CRYSTAL RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING SQUAD

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Crys-

tal River Middle School Cheerleaders, from my Fifth Congressional District of Florida, for winning the national championship in their division at a competition held in Orlando last month.

The competition hosted more than 200 cheerleading squads from across the nation and truly was a venue for the best of the best to showcase their talents.

These seventh and eighth grade girls captured the top honors in the small school division and brought to Citrus County the first national championship trophy of any school, in any sport—ever.

The squad of 14 girls, led by Head Coach Irene Hupp and Assistant Coach Terry Yant, has made the city of Crystal River, all of Citrus County and the entire state of Florida very proud. I am immensely proud of them as well.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Amanda Bass, Marlana Camden, Tiffany Daniel, Nicole Davis, Katie Dicks, Sabrina Gonzales, Brittany Jones, Amber Lunginsland, Amanda Mayor, Alyssa Parker, Hailey Roberts, Jilica Smith, Jacke Vivian, and Kylee Zarro.

They have accomplished a remarkable feat and deserve every accolade sent their way. I am proud to honor them before this body this evening and am proud to have such motivated hard working young people call my district home.

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 100, of which I am proud to be a cosponsor. Considering the hundreds of thousands of people serving our country around the world and the many active duty servicemembers currently returning from the Middle East, this is a very timely bill.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I support strengthening legal protections for those on active duty in the armed forces. Just as we depend on them to defend our country, they depend on us to provide fair and updated benefits and services.

This bill updates laws in place to protect servicemembers from being harmed in civil, financial, or legal proceedings. All too often I hear stories of deployed soldiers receiving calls from family that they cannot afford to pay rent and will face eviction, or that debt is piling up, or that the family cannot break a lease in order to move to a more affordable home. This bill, which has the support of many veterans groups and military organizations, as well as the legal community, would help fix those dire situations for those serving in active duty and their families.

I am pleased to vote in favor of providing these overdue protections revisions. The passage of H.R. 100 will be a testament to our men and women in uniform—and their families—that their country supports and applauds their courageous service.

IN HONOR OF TERRI HAMILTON BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Terri Hamilton Brown, upon the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA).

Ms. Brown's significant impact on the CMHA organization in less than 5 years has positively shifted the focus of housing in Cleveland where it should be—on the people who seek and depend upon affordable housing in Cuyahoga County. Her focus on revitalization, reorganization and renewal of the CMHA agency helped to build bridges within our community to make available quality and affordable homes for low-income families and individuals who are trying to break free of the devastating cycle of poverty.

Because of her leadership, integrity, and outstanding ability to connect easily with others, the CMHA organization has been raised to new levels of administrative efficiency, intercommunity partnership, accountability and true achievement that can be readily seen along our city streets. Ms. Brown's persistence, expertise and complete commitment on behalf of CMHA has produced profound strides in allowing CMHA to carry out its goals and mission as never before.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Terri Hamilton Brown whose vision, hard work and dedication on behalf of CMHA and all the people it serves has left an indelible and significant impact upon our community. Ms. Brown has rebuilt the foundation of a housing agency that successfully serves our most vulnerable citizens, and her work will have a lasting impact on every CMHA tenant and our entire Cleveland neighborhood for years to come. Please join me in wishing Ms. Brown our very best as she moves on to new challenges as Executive Director of University Circle Incorporated in Cleveland.

WHERE ARE THE DETAILS OF NEW FCC REGULATIONS?

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, more than 2 months ago Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 on changes to the local telephone competition provisions of 1996 Telecommunications Act. This "Triennial Review" is required of this agency by the law we passed.

There has got a better way to regulate our Nation's telecommunications industry right now it is in nothing but a tailspin. The FCC's recent Triennial Review ruling has had many unfortunate portions, and clearly cannot be what the Supreme Court was expecting when it remanded the FCC's earlier decision. They seem to allow some companies the ability to provide telephone and Internet services across the nation with minimal investment, and minimal technicians and employees.